and security personnel killed and number of persons arrested in the States affected by naxal violence are as under:—

State/ Ragion	2004			2005			2006			2007 (upto 31st October)		
	Civ. killed	SFs killed	Persons arrested	Civ. killed	SFs killed	Persons arrested	Civ. killed	SFs killed	Persons arrested	Civ. killed	SFs killed	Persons arrested
J&K	707	281	329	557	189	370	389	151	429	139	95	359
NE States	414	110	1099	393	70	1498	309	76	1406	427	63	1506
Naxal affected States	466	100	1181	524	153	1950	521	157	1270	383	188	1105

Besides, as per available information, in the terrorist incidents in the hinterland from 2004 upto 31st October 2007, as per available information, 450 Civilians and 4 Security Personnel have been killed and 209 persons have been arrested.

Incentives to the scientists of DRDO

*199. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) with reference to the assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question 1507 dated 31st July, 2002 during the 196th Session, what incentives are being proposed to the scientists in DRDO;

(b) what were the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when the Government is likely to take a final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Various monitory and non-monitory benefits are being proposed for the Scientists in addition to the recommendation of a better pay package to the 6th Central Pay Commission. However, it was considered appropriate to have an in-depth study commissioned through one of the independent professional agencies for the same. The study was assigned to the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad which has now submitted its report. The report is now under the active consideration of the Government.

NDMC's streetscaping project

*200. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Delhi Municipal Council's (NDMC's) streetscaping project—claimed to be first of its kind in the country—at Mother Teressa Crescent and Sardar Patel Marg has been derailed on account of Delhi Metro's high-speed link between the city centre and the airport coming in the way;

(b) whether Government proposes to review the streetscaping plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply of part (a) these questions do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Revamping tea industry

855. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India exported 211 million kg. of tea in 1998, but the figure fell to 200 million kg. in 2006, and India's tea exports declined to 75.7 million kg. in the first half of this year despite the fact that India has around 28 per cent of global tea production;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a considerable number of tea gardens have gone sick due to lack of infrastructure, modernization and efficient management; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to revamp the tea industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The quantity of tea exported from the country during 2006 was 218.73 million kg. as compared to 210.34 million kg. in 1998. However, due to strong appreciation of Rupee in dollar terms and also decline in exports to countries like Iraq, Pakistan etc. the volume of export of tea from India during the first six months of 2007 as compared to the corresponding period of last years has marginally declined, as is evident from the following table:

Year/Period	Quantity (M.Kg)
2007 (Jan-June)*	75.73
2006 (Jan-June)	87.48

*Estimated and subject to revision Source: Tea Board

(b) and (c) As on 1st April, 2007, 33 tea gardens were reported to be closed in the country. The depressed price situation since mid-1999 coupled with other factors like high cost of production, low prices of tea, ownership disputes etc. have affected the viability of tea gardens resulting in the closure of these gardens.

The Government has recently announced a rehabilitation package for the closed tea gardens. Ten of these 33 closed tea gardens have opened so far. Tea Board is already implementing a number of plan schemes for the overall development of the tea sector under which financial/technical assistance is provided to the tea industry. In addition, a Special Purpose Tea Fund has also been set up for financing replantation/rejuvenation activities aimed at improving the age profile of old tea bushes to improve quality and productivity.

WTO in Doha

†856. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.